



Coaches Quotes

Florida State 74, Miami 80

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Watsco Center, Coral Gables, Fla.

Florida State University Head Coach Leonard Hamilton

Opening statement:

"You have to give Miami a lot of credit. I said before the game that the team that would win the game would be the team that came closer to executing their game plan, in relation to their talents and the systems they were running. I thought they did a very good job at attacking the basket. At one point they were 14-of-15 from the floor with one banked three. Obviously, we had a hard time containing the dribble; they didn't waste a whole lot of time with moving the ball, they just attacked the basket and did a very good job with it [in the] first half. I don't know if I have ever been in a game in my coaching career, when a team is 14-of-15 from the floor at any point in time. But that's a compliment to them, I thought they did a very good job of executing the offense. We came out in the second half and, obviously, made somewhat of game of it, but in reality I think that they outplayed us a little more than the score might have indicated. They played with a little more desperation or aggressiveness or focus, I thought, in the first half than we did. And I thought that probably had to do with their ability to extend the lead. We just couldn't seem to get the stops. We've been shooting the ball extremely well from the perimeter and their style of defense is a little more contained. Not quite pack-line, but they contained the 3-point area and I thought our guys were extremely hesitant. In the second half we were a little more aggressive, but we dug such a hole for ourselves that it was very hard to pull out of it."

On moving forward:

"What's good about the ACC is that you can't sit around and have a pity party. We've got Louisville on Wednesday, Syracuse on Saturday and Boston College on Monday. So, what we have to do is learn from this game and move on, compliments to Miami for coming out and playing an excellent game. Hopefully we can go back to watch the film and learn, evaluate, improve on our shortcomings and prepare ourselves for what looks like a week of murderer's row."

On Chris Lykes:

"He's extremely talented and confident and that's the thing that is glaring about him. When you are small like that, you have to have exceptional skills and talents. He's a flawless dribbler. Of course he makes some turnovers and fouls, but that's what most freshmen do. He's fearless in terms of taking the ball up to the basket and finishing because he has such explosive quickness and speed. As he gains some more experience, he's going to be a player in the ACC. He's confident that he can knock down threes, but he also is confident that he can get by you and finish at the rim."